

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

CHAPTER 101 – Application and Redetermination Processes

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101.03 DEFINITIONS

101.03.01 **APPLICANT**

An individual whose application has been received by the Division of Medicaid.

101.03.02 **RECIPIENT/BENEFICIARY**

An applicant approved for and receiving benefits.

101.03.03 **INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL**

An individual who is unable to act on his own behalf due to a physical or mental condition.

101.03.04 **INCOMPETENT INDIVIDUAL**

An individual adjudged to be mentally incompetent by a court.

101.03.05 **INDIVIDUAL WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY (LEP)**

An individual who is unable to communicate effectively in any language other than his native language.

101.03.06 **SENSORY IMPAIRED INDIVIDUAL**

An individual who has a partial, profound or complete loss of hearing or sight.

101.03.07 **LEGAL GUARDIAN OR CONSERVATOR**

A person who has court documents which prove a legal guardianship or conservatorship has been established for the applicant. The application is filed in the name of the applicant; however, the guardian or conservator must provide eligibility information and sign the application form.

101.03.08 **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

A person who is acting responsibly for the applicant with his knowledge and consent. The authorized representative has knowledge of the applicant's circumstances and is usually a relative or close friend. The authorized representative must be authorized in writing by the applicant to act on his behalf. The application is filed in the name of the applicant. The authorized representative can provide eligibility information and sign the application form.